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REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested. Claims 1, 3, 5 and 6 have been amended; claims 2 and 4 have been canceled. As a result, claims 1, 3, 5 and 6 are in this application and are presented for the Examiner's consideration in view of the following comments.

Other than as described below, all of the claims have been amended merely to improve their form, e.g., the dashes have been deleted from the claims.

As requested by the Examiner, Applicants have amended the title.

Claims 1-6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,966,496 issued October 12, 1999 to Takimoto (*Takimoto*). Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 3, and respectfully disagree with respect to claims 2, 4, 5 and 6.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the requirements of dependent claim 2, which has been canceled. Respectfully, the Examiner's assertion that *Takimoto* describes or suggests the requirements of dependent claim 2 is wrong. In particular, the Examiner states that the requirements of Applicants' dependent claim 2 are found in *Takimoto* simply because FIG. 3 of *Takimoto* shows a track format where a subcode identifies the video standard of the track. However, the Examiner is ignoring the requirements of Applicants' claim 2. In particular, Applicants' claim 2 requires that

the recording means automatically starts a further recording when
the detecting means detects a change in the video standard.

Yet, nowhere does *Takimoto* describe automatically starting a further recording when the detecting means detects a change in the video standard. Nor is this shown — or even suggested — by a mere picture of a track format as shown in FIG. 3 of *Takimoto*.

Similar comments apply to Applicants' independent claim 3, which has been amended to include the requirements of dependent claim 4, now canceled. In particular, nowhere does *Takimoto* describe detecting a change in the video standard and then starting another recording. Nor, as described above, are these requirements of

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Applicants' independent claim 3 shown by a mere picture of a track format as shown in FIG. 3 of *Takimoto*.


Finally, Applicants' independent claim 5 is also not described or suggested by *Takimoto* for the reasons described above.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that Applicants' independent claims 1, 3 and 5 are not anticipated by *Takimoto*. As such, dependent claim 6 is also in condition for allowance.

As it is believed that all of the objections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Applicants' attorney in order to overcome any additional objections that the Examiner might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 07-0832 therefor.

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